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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.821-825

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action on the Merits mailed August 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown

Please delete the paragraph on page 13, lines 4-12, and replace it with the following paragraph:

The present invention further provides:

(35) A peptide as defined in claim 1 which comprises an amino acid sequence of the formula

X¹-X²-Asn-Phe-Phe-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-X³-Ser-X⁴ (SEQ ID NO:115) (I)

wherein X¹ represents Asp-Arg-Met-Pro-Cys (SEQ ID NO:116),

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